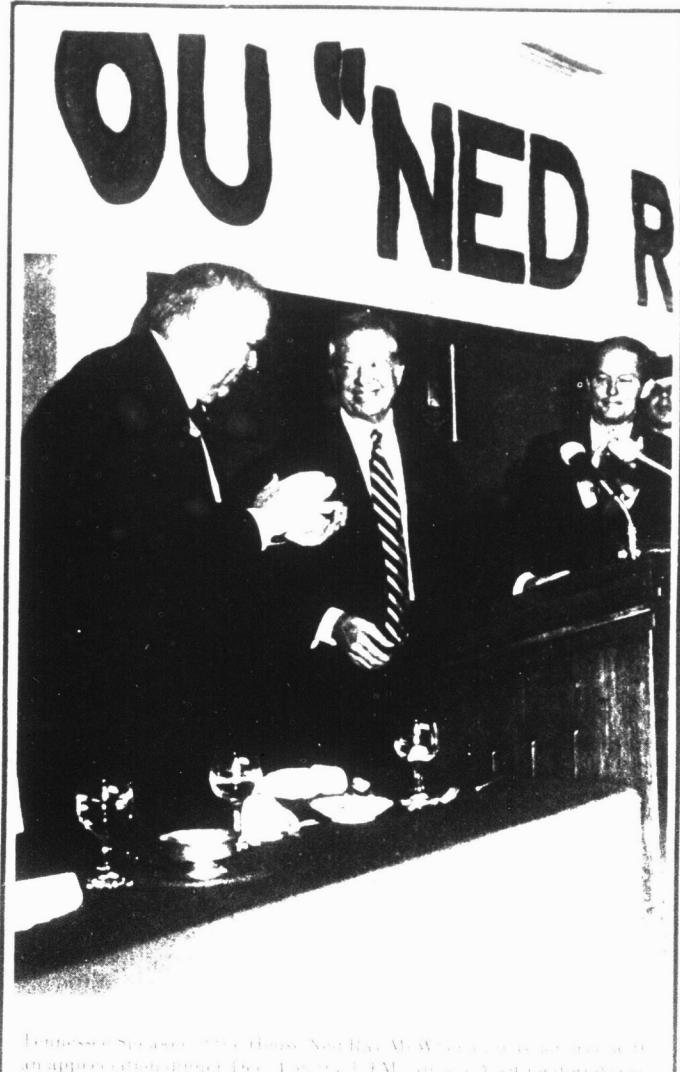


THE PACER



Second spirit contest to begin cheers Jan. 15

UTM recently judged second of Tennessee universities

Nihon agrees to study program



Industrial engineer King will be featured Jan. 18



CAMPUS BRIEFS

Delta's hold Founder's Day Jan. 15

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Eta Xi Chapter, is planning its annual National Founder's Day Celebration Jan. 15 at 3 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom. The speaker for the occasion will be the Hon. Dr. Yvonne Kennedy, Alabama State Representative, and President of S.D. Bishop State Community College. Prior to the program, Dr. Kennedy will be hosted with a reception at the Chancellor's residence at 2:15 p.m. Following the program, a banquet will be held in rooms 201-203, University Center.

Delta Sigma Theta has chosen as the program and celebration theme, "Deltas Impact on the Eighties: Prepare Today to Shape Tomorrow." Also on the program will be the United Collegiate Choir. The public is invited to attend the reception, 2:15 p.m., the program at 3 p.m., and the banquet, which costs \$5.70 (Student charge cards will be accepted) at 5:30 p.m.

On campus interviews Scheduled

According to Sandy Belote, coordinator of cooperative education and placement, the following on-campus interviews have been scheduled: Jan. 18, Wendy's Old-Fashioned Hamburgers; Jan. 24, University of Alabama MBA program; and Jan. 25, Kroger Company.

A Phi O holds rush

The UTM chapter of Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity will hold rush Jan. 19 and 20 at 8 p.m. in their office at 310 Lovelace. The first night will be an informal party and the second night will be a more formal introduction to the fraternity. Coat and tie are requested the second night.

Membership in this organization is open to any male undergraduate who is interested in service. The Chi Zeta chapter here at UTM is one of the most active in Tennessee. Each year it executes a number of projects to help others: the winter quarter blood drive, the Wheelbarrow Push for St. Jude Children's Hospital, the Easter Seal Center Scout Troop, and Happy House Day Care Center Clean-up, to name a few. All interested men are urged to attend next Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Ellington Hall Happenings

Meet the housing department tonight in Ellington's Lobby at 8 p.m.; refreshments will be served.

There will be a coffee house in Ellington's blue room at 10 p.m. on Jan. 18.

Minority Student Fellowships Offered

Applications are being taken until Jan. 15 for more than 50 four-year fellowships to be awarded to minority students seeking doctorates in a wide variety of fields in the social sciences, humanities, the sciences and engineering.

The Committee on Institutional Cooperation sponsors the fellowships, which have to be used at any one of the 11 CIC universities.

For more information and applications, interested students should contact Francine Giles, assistant to the vice chancellor for student affairs or Dr. Ronald Satz, dean of graduate affairs.

WUTM on the Air

WUTM (FM 90.3) is on the air Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-10 p.m. with a quarter full of special programs and student productions. During the day the student-run station features an easy listening format, according to Debbie Duncan, station manager. A new feature is the Game of the Week, a Pacer or Lady Pacer game every Monday night at 7. Other special programs at 6 o'clock nightly include: Tuesday--New York Philharmonic; Wednesday--Chicago Symphony; Thursday--Student Produced Radio Dramas; Friday--Student Music Shows.

Miss Tennessee Teen USA Applications

Applications are now being accepted from all over the state of Tennessee for the first annual Miss Tennessee Teen U.S.A. pageant to be staged at the Sheraton downtown, Nashville, Feb. 12, at 7:30 p.m. The Miss Tennessee Teen U.S.A. pageant is an official preliminary to the Miss Teen U.S.A. Pageant which is sponsored by Miss Universe, Inc. Applications must be at least 14 years of age and under 18 years of age by May 1. There is no talent involved in state or national level.

All girls interested please apply to Mrs. Connie Clark Harrison, State Director, Rt. 5, Box 125, Franklin, Tenn., 37064, or telephone (615) 791-0904 after 5:30 p.m.

Real Estate Class Offered

UTM will offer a "Fundamentals of Real Estate" course beginning Jan. 18.

The 30-clock hour, non-credit course is approved by the Tennessee Real Estate Commission toward meeting educational requirements of individuals planning to take the Real Estate Brokerage Examination.

Classes will meet Tuesdays from 6-9 p.m. through March 22 in UTM's Humanities Building, Room 117. Ricky Fuller, Martin real estate broker, is the instructor. The registration fee is \$75, plus \$17.95 for the textbook.

To register, or for additional information, contact the Department of Extended Services, UTM, Martin, Tenn. 38238, telephone (901) 587-7082.

Expectant Parents' Class

Expectant Parents' Class will be held at Volunteer General Hospital beginning Jan. from 6:30-9:30. The six week course will meet for three hours on six consecutive Mondays, ending Feb. 7. The classes, taught by Hospital obstetric and nursery personnel, will cover such topics as anatomy of pregnancy, exercise and physical fitness, relaxation, stages of labor, breastfeeding, potential problems of childbearing, medications and anesthetics. Methods include lectures, slides, films, reading and classroom practice. Also included are tours of the Maternity Wing of the Hospital and other related areas. The classes will be held in the Hospital Private Dining Room and will be limited to 10 couples with a \$25 fee required. For more information or a reservation contact Claudia Dykes, 587-4261, ext. 107.

Tennessee Politics on Film

The Tennessee Political Science Association, in cooperation with the Middle Tennessee State University Foundation, has completed production of a filmstrip series on the Tennessee Constitution.

Dr. Richard Chesteen, professor of political science at UTM and president of the TPSA, said the series consists of four 15-minute films: "From Early Settlement to Statehood," "The People's Constitution of 1834," "The Constitution of 1870 and the Modern Period," and "Current Characteristics of Tennessee Government."

The series was produced by MTSU's Learning Resource Center.

The complete package of four cassette tapes and filmstrips, plus teacher's guide, costs \$60. Interested persons may contact The Learning Resources Center, MTSU, Murfreesboro, Tenn. 37132.

Congressional Fellowship Program Application

The Office of Technology Assessment (OTA) is seeking candidates for its 1983-84 Congressional Fellowship Program. Those selected will work in Washington in order to gain an understanding of the science and technology issues facing Congress and the ways in which Congress establishes national policy related to these issues. The program is open to men and women of all academic disciplines. The application deadline is Feb. 11, and the stipend ranges from \$24,000 to \$38,000. For information, contact Phillip Miller, 7015.

So you wanted to be an RA?

Housing Dept. seeking RA applicants

By LARRY COMER
Student Writer

How would you like your own private room, \$100 per quarter, \$220 in food credit, and the opportunity to express your leadership potentials by assisting your fellow hall residents?

Well, there is no time like the present for students interested in being resident assistants for the 1983-84 academic year, according to Phil Bright, assistant director of housing.

Anyone with a G.P.A. of 2.2 and in good standing with the university is urged to apply now for what Bright

estimates will be 12 to 15 available positions.

"We don't have any openings now because there is very little turnover during the year," he stated. "However, at the beginning of the year we appointed 19 new RAs."

Bright said that the housing department would like to have qualified applicants on file from which they can make appointments as they become available.

In addition to the GPA and university standing, applicants are required to submit approximately

four recommendations, and are rated by their head resident, assistant head resident and RA.

The administrator further commented that the interview panel also looks for "leadership abilities, the ability to communicate effectively, and an interest in working with others."

Bright indicated that applicants should be active in hall association and other hall functions, and have lived in residence halls or similar group situations.

He said that those interviewed will

either be told that the housing department is unable to offer them a position based on their interview and other applicable factors, or if chosen their names will be added to a list from which future appointments will be made.

"Those applicants whose names are not added to the list will have to wait one year before repeating the process, at which time they will be granted another interview," Bright said.

So a word to the wise would be to dash over to the housing office and get your application today. It could be the beginning of a rewarding experience.

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Fun N Games . . . with Botticelli

Bozo to Richard Burton. What the Guessers must deduce by questions about this mysterious Male B, is who he "thinks" he is.

This is when Step 2 comes in—the interesting part to *Botticelli*. The Guessers try to "stump" the Thinker with questions which have an answer of some male B. An example would be: "Are you a famous composer married to Angie Dickinson?" If the Thinker correctly answered "No, I'm not Burton Bacharach," he would not be "stumped". But if he answered, "No, I'm not Bullwinkle," or does not answer at all, then you get to ask a "Freebie" question, which categorizes who the Thinker is. A good Freebie is, "Are you alive, dead or fictitious?" To which the Thinker would have to answer, this person is in the living category. Now that this is established, what the Guessers must do is continue to ask questions by stumping and further categorizing the personality until one person hits the Thinker on the head (just figuratively) and asks "Do you grace the covers of teeniebopper mags, and play *Matthew Starr*?" To which the Thinker says, "Yes, I am Clark Brandon."

Please note that once the first category of being alive, dead or fictitious is established all of the questions, both Stumpers and Freebies, must pertain to the

categories the Guessers have deduced. For instance, if you categorized the personality down to being in entertainment, all of the subsequent questions and answers must be about some personality in entertainment. alive. Other good category questions might be "Are you in politics," "are you famous in medical circles?" or "What is your nationality?"

Now that you know how to play

Review Committee Appointed

By BETH SPANGLER
Student Writer

In an effort to sustain and enhance quality education at UTM, Chancellor Charles Smith appointed 12 UTM faculty members to serve on a special Academic Program Review Committee which will begin its program review this quarter.

According to the committee chairman and biology professor Dr. Jimmy Trentham, "the committee was

formed as an internal quality control process."

The committee's goal, according to Smith's direction, is to develop systematic plans for conducting internal reviews of academic programs and to make recommendations for improving the quality of the university's academic programs in all areas.

Smith said "This internal program review is but another initiative designed to guarantee quality in all academic programs."

Trentham explained that the committee will be making suggestions to the Business and Communications departments in order to aid their accreditation efforts, but that every academic program will be reviewed in order to gain quality throughout the university.

Trentham stated that the review committee held an organizational meeting prior to the holidays, and within two weeks will resume to develop the philosophy of the review

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SPORTS

Basketball teams start 'new year'

Pacers are 9-6; Lady Pacers are 11-3

By LIZ COBLE
Sports Editor

The 1982-1983 men's basketball team finished its non-conference season with a 9-4 record, and after playing two Gulf South Conference games, the Pacers' record now stands at 9-6.

First-year head coach Tom Hancock, with the assistance of coaches Dennis Bussard and John Phillips, has guided the team in the making of five new school records.

These new records include 17 consecutive home game victories and the most 100 point games in a season with four. In the first game of the season, the Pacers scored 124 against Lambuth to break the old mark of 119.

Larry Martin has 13 assists in one game to break a record which had been shared by three former UTM stars.

In the game against Blackburn College, Gus Rudolph scored 41 points to break a previous record of 38 points.

Before the Christmas break, the Pacers posted victories against Lane, 97-77, Freed-Hardeman, 85-71, and Bethel, 108-90. The Pacers lost to Tennessee Tech, 89-102, and to Southeast Missouri, 65-92, in pre-Christmas action.

During the break, the Pacers lost in an exhibition game against Athletes in Action, 58-63. Athletes in Action is a team made up of former college standouts and plays many Division I teams.

The University of Missouri, a Division I school in the Big Ten, ranked sixth in the nation at the time that UTM played them defeated the Pacers 71-58.

On Dec. 22, the Pacers defeated Rust College 64-50.

To kick off their 1983 games, UTM Chattanooga beat UTM 81-68 and UTM then beat Blackburn College 103-84. In the Blackburn game, the Pacers broke three of their new school records.

Saturday night, the Pacers were defeated by Livingston University, a GSC rival, 61-64. Livingston was chosen to win the GSC in the pre-season poll.

Last Monday night, the Pacers lost

their second GSC game, 59-71, to Jacksonville State.

The rest of their season will be against GSC teams. The next game is Saturday night, at home, against Valdosta at 7:30 p.m.



Photo by Hugh Smalley

Senior Captain Gus Rudolph (42) goes up for two. In this game against Blackburn College, Rudolph scored a record 41 points. UTM's Willie Forbes, a freshman, looks on.

By MARY SCHEIBERT
Student Writer

Having won seven of their last eight games, the Lady Pacer basketball team has extended their record to 11-3. The three losses were home games against

state rival Vanderbilt 66-76, nationally ranked Memphis State 63-82 and Nashville's Tennessee State 63-68.

On Dec. 11 the Lady Pacers played and won their last home game of the



Photo by Hugh Smalley

Top scorer and rebounder, junior Sandra Lise fights for a rebound against Tennessee State. Other Lady Pacers are ready to help.

year against Austin Peay downing the Lady Govs 82-68. With a 5-2 record at this point, the team went on the road for a three game swing to the South. Led by Sandra Lise's school record of 22 rebounds, UTM defeated West Georgia College 81-63. Then it was on to Deland, Fla. where the ladies downed Miami 95-81 and Stetson 75-57. "It was a very successful trip for us," according to Coach Strusz.

After a short break the Lady Pacers traveled to Jackson Jan. 3 where they defeated Union Univ. 72-67. This was the first time that the Lady Pacers have ever beaten Union Univ. on the road.

It was back on the home court where UTM beat Murray State 73-65 for the second time this season. Arkansas State was the next victim as the ladies downed them 81-57.

The Lady Pacers have two juniors, three sophomores, and two freshman among their top seven statistical players. Angela Reaves, 12.8 points a game, and Deenie Ware, 10.9 points a game, join Lise as the only double figure scorers for the Lady Pacers. Reaves, a sophomore, is the team's second leading rebounder with an average of 8.2 a game.

The Lady Pacers are excited about the rest of the season and according to Coach Strusz, "There are about eight games on the second part of our schedule that could go either way and determine whether we have a good season or a great season."

One more victory for the Lady Pacers will tie them with the number of victories in last year's season. With ten more regular season games still to go, the Lady Pacers should over pass last year's season mark.

The Lady Pacers play tonight at 7 p.m. at home against Western Illinois. They play again Saturday night at 5:00 to precede the Pacers' game.

Football players make GSC teams

Five members of the 1982 UTM football team, Tony Champion, Keith Kasnic, Jerry Reese, Gary Ihnen and Matt Klaren, were named to the second team All-Gulf South Conference football team selected by the conference's coaches.

Named to the second team offensive squad were sophomore Tony Champion and freshman Keith Kasnic. Champion, a wide receiver from Humboldt, missed four of UTM's six conference games after undergoing surgery for an injury received in a 33-10 loss at North Alabama. Prior to his injury, Champion caught 17 passes for 334 yards and four touchdowns. He was named UTM's offensive player of the week for his performance in a 35-21 win over Tennessee Tech, a game in which Champion caught five passes for 116 yards and one touchdown.

Kasnic, a placekicker from Oxford, Ohio, transferred to UTM from Middle Tennessee State University. Kasnic led the Pacers in scoring with 50 points, and hit 17 of 17 extra point attempts and 11 of 14 field goal attempts, including his last 10 in a row. Kasnic tried for seventh in the nation in Division II in field goal percentage, 78.6 percent, for kickers with more than 10 attempts.

On the second team defensive squad, UTM was represented by Jerry Reese, Gary Ihnen and Matt Klaren. Reese, a sophomore free safety from Tiptonville, Tenn., quarterbacked the Lake County High School football team to a state championship as a senior. In his first year as a UTM starter, Reese tied for the league lead in interceptions, seven, and led the team in unassisted tackles, 51. He was credited with six pass break-ups and one fumble recovery.

Reese also set school record for punt returns in one game, seven against Fort Valley State, and tied a school record for punt returns in one season, 30, first set by Jim Wiggins in 1967. He returned the 30 punts for 175 yards, an average of 5.8 yards a return.

Ihnen, a junior linebacker from Plantation, Fla., led UTM in total tackles with 98.

He also had seven tackles behind the line of scrimmage for 26 yards lost, broke up two passes and intercepted one more.

Klaren, like Champion, was injured against North Alabama and did not play the rest of the year. However, the senior defensive end from Springfield, Va., was named to the All-Conference second team on the strength of 10 unassisted tackles and 21 assisted

tackles in just six games. He was also credited with four tackles behind the line of scrimmage and broke up on pass. Klaren was a 1982 pre-season All-Gulf South Conference selection and had been named to All-Conference teams as a sophomore and junior.

Congratulations once again to Coach Fred Pickard, his coaching staff, players, managers and trainers that contributed to the best season in three years for UTM. Luck goes to next year's team as they begin winter weight training.

SPORTS BEAT

Catch up with sports

By LIZ COBLE
Sports Editor

Welcome back to school everyone. Isn't it exciting to be back?

Only two sports teams are in full swing right now, but more will be starting their seasons soon.

Both basketball teams are doing well.

The men's team, under the direction of first-year head coach Tom Hancock, has brought their record to 9-6. The Pacers opened their season with a six-game winning streak, the best start in history. Many records have been broken by this fast, action-packed team.

The Lady Pacers are now 11-3. Coach Anne Strusz in her second season is working with new members on her coaching staff and many freshmen on her team. And they play some aggressive ball...

An added incentive for going to games is...three STUDENT ticket stubs are drawn at halftime of men's games for the opportunity to shoot a half court free throw shot. If you make the shot, you win \$1000. There are opportunities to win other things at games also.

Prizes are drawn for at the halftime of Lady Pacer games.

Come to the games and win something. You get more than your money's worth on that deal, even though it doesn't cost anything to get in the game except to flash your student I.D.

Wednesday's from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in the reserve rooms of the cafeteria are the "Tipoff Club" meetings. Come and get to know the Pacer basketball team.

Be thinking about the All-Niter, sponsored by Campus Recreation, and plan to spend that weekend on campus. There are activities planned for all hours of the night. There is something that will attract everyone's interest.

Go watch some roundball action. UTM has two exciting teams and it's great fun and great entertainment.

Catch up with the beat-or-dribble-of UTM sports.

This week in sports

MEN'S BASKETBALL

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COACHES' CORNER

We are ready to play



By ANNE STRUSZ
Lady Pacer
Basketball Coach

opponents. A leader, motivator and good defensive player. Paula Harris is sidelined at present with a broken thumb.

Gloria Clifton is a strong freshman that has had to step in immediately and be a winner. Glo's potential is limitless. Paula Columbo, also a freshman, plays with the confidence of a veteran athlete. A walk on Phyllis Walters improves more each day and in turn makes her teammates better prepared each game. Glenda Clifton is sidelined this year with a knee injury. Her continued encouragement is felt by all of us.

We have a fine team of winners this year—but we need our sixth player in the stands. The only real disappointment I have had so far is the student support. After all, games are won by the change caused by the roar of the fans.

This week found the Lady Pacers with three home games. Monday night's game against Tennessee State, tonight against mine and coach Lawler's alma-mater Western Illinois University and Saturday against Union University. Saturday's game will be a double header at 5 p.m. in the P.E. Complex—so come and be a part of that Lady Pacer Spirit.



By TOM HANCOCK
Pacer Basketball
Coach

Due to road trip, Coach Hancock's column does not appear this week, but look for it in next week's Pacer.

ENTERTAINMENT

The man inside the bird

Bill Cochran brings Pacer Pete to life

By LIZ COBLE
Sports Editor

UTM is represented at many events by a six foot blue and orange roadrunner/bird known to use as Pacer Pete, but not many people know who is inside the suit, and for many, who is inside doesn't matter.

Bill Cochran, 23, a senior majoring in pre-physical therapy from Lawrenceburg, Tenn., is the person who makes the costume come alive.

Charles Rayburn, cheerleading coach, wanted a mascot to help the cheerleaders at UTM games. A roadrunner was selected because, like

UTM's official mascot of a Pacer horse, roadrunners are also fast.

Coach Rayburn discussed the possibilities with the department of athletics, got money appropriated and during the winter of 1981, Pacer Pete arrived on the UTM campus.

Cochran had tried out for the cheerleading squad in the spring of 1980 but didn't make it. When Pete arrived, Coach Rayburn offered him the position of being "the man inside the bird."

Cochran accepted the position and, except for last winter quarter, has been Pacer Pete ever since.

Cochran played high school football

one year, but was injured and became a trainer for his remaining years in high school. After football season his senior year, the cheerleaders asked him to be the mascot for the Lawrence County High School Wildcats.

Whether it's a wildcat or a roadrunner, being a mascot is not an easy job.

For one thing, the inside of the suit is hot. During one basketball game Cochran lost 11 pounds. The suit is heavy, too.

Most of Pete's actions are impromptu. Pete has to get a sense of the crowd and what is going on at the game to get ideas for his antics.

"Pete can get away with a lot more than anyone else at games. I always talk to the referees before the game starts to let them know what I will and won't do," said Cochran.

Pete likes imitating officials because they don't realize what is going on and because the crowd enjoys it.

"I think that everyone wishes they could be Pete if only for a little while. It allows them to do inhibited things, something they probably wouldn't do otherwise," commented Cochran.

Mostly Pete is Pete and Bill is Bill. But there is a little of both in each. Cochran has tried to develop a personality for Pete. He realizes that

when you work with kids and parents, there are some things that can't be done, such as being vulgar and obscene.

Cochran is glad that Pacer Pete came along while he was in school. He doesn't expect Pete to have the same personality after he leaves but hopes that some of the traditions will be continued.

"Kids love Pete," stated Cochran. "Being in the position that Pete is in, he must always be as kind, courteous and outgoing as possible."

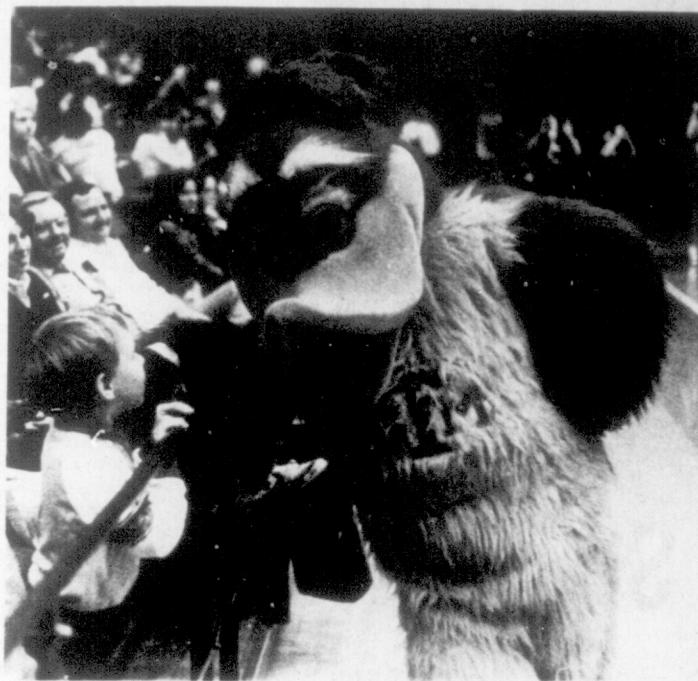
Kids cause a problem for Pete, though. Cochran believes that Pacer Pete's tail is what sets him apart and

kids love to pull and play with his tail. Pete's tail has had to be fixed on numerous occasions.

Pacer Pete stays busy with football and basketball seasons and other UTM activities, but he was able to take time off during Christmas break to go skiing in Snow Bird, Colorado. Though Pete enjoys football and basketball, snow skiing is his favorite.

And as for Cochran, he loves all sports.

"People say that I'm schizophrenic because I talk about Pacer Pete as Pacer Pete and not me in a bird suit," stated Cochran. "Pete is able to do things that I can't."



"And you wouldn't pull my tail, would you?"
Pacer Pete asks one of his fans during half-time.

83: Something for everyone

Turtable Talk

by Bart Jones

What's in store in the music world for 1983? Will new wave and related combinations continue their rise to the forefront? Will rhythm and blues successfully complete its modernization and add to its already increasing market share? Or will country and rock remain locked in battle for the number one position in popularity? Of course, there are sure to be a few surprises, but there are also some predictions that are possible to make based on what happened in 1982.

One of the most significant occurrences of 1982 was the impact of new wave's second wave. Not only was the pure form popular, but the major achievement of new wave was the strength of its influence on other forms of music such as R & B and rock. New wave seems to be completely shedding its "punk" image and replacing it with

a "new romantic" persona through an emphasis on trends from the past fused with the cutting edge of electronic music. The picture for '83 looks bright for new wave and its rock and soul amalgamations.

Rhythm and blues made great strides in '82, especially in synthesizer techniques. The three leaders last year were the Gap Band, Dazz Band and Prince. This year should be very successful for these and other groups, with the category as a whole making the most progress in terms of sales and popularity.

Country was 1982's most important gainer and '83 looks every bit as good. With new albums from Alabama and The Oak Ridge Boys, the first half of the year could propel country to a listening audience percentage equal to rock.

With the increased popularity of

other forms of music, it might appear that everyone was out to get good ol' rock-n-roll. But 1982 was a better year for rock than the previous one. One major reason for rock's reduction in market share was the fading out of some of the traditional super groups and the upsurge of many new groups. Bands such as Saga, Asia, Men at Work and Loverboy replaced groups with nonproductive years as the listening audiences' favorites. With the establishment of these groups and the reemergence of some quiet giants, 1983 should be a big one.

The following is a list of groups who should release new albums in the next few months: the B-52's, ELO, Styx, A Flock of Seagulls, Alabama, the Dazz Band, the Oak Ridge Boys, The Cars, Kraftwerk and Loverboy.

I hope everyone has a happy and musical new year.

Reynolds reinforces "superstar"

The Movie Scene

by Alex Bledsoe

Sharky's Machine is Burt Reynolds' best movie since *Starting Over*. Based on the novel by William Deihl, it is a tight, glossy cop thriller that features Reynolds at his best both as performer and director. It proves that not only is he a superstar, but he's also quite a good actor.

The movie had an interesting germination. When Clint Eastwood released his comedy *Every Which Way But Loose*, Reynolds jokingly

accused him of invading his territory, and threatened to make *Dirty Harry Goes to Atlanta* in retaliation. And, in essence, that's what *Sharky's Machine* is. But it is also a technical tour de force from a director who is still basically new to that position.

The storyline concerns a vice-squad detective who uncovers a political scandal with deep mob connections. He assembles a "machine," police jargon for a group of cops organized to

bust one specific case. In the process, Detective Sharky (Reynolds) becomes involved with the key to the whole case, a high-priced call girl named Dominoe (ungodly beautiful Rachel Ward).

The film shimmers with energy, due to both the energetic performances of veterans like Charles Durning, Brian Keith and Bernie Casey, and the jazz-dominated score worked up by Snuff Garrett. And Reynolds is able to convey the film's most crucial element, Sharky's growing feelings for Dominoe as he spies on her, with an almost sensual delicacy.

Some critics have taken the film to task for excessive violence, but what brutality there is is wholly valid within the story being told. The shipboard torture sequence is gut-wrenching, but justified by the storyline. You can't have action without violence, and there's nothing gratuitous about the violence in *Sharky's Machine*.

It's not easy to get out from under the "superstar" label (and all that implies), but Burt Reynolds is certainly giving it his best. And *Sharky's Machine* is both an artistic success for him, and one darn entertaining movie. And after last week's *Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*—undoubtedly one of his worst movies—*Sharky's Machine* proves that Reynolds does indeed deserve his superstar stature. Go see it.

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